

Council Members Present:

Robb Bourland Joe Ayala
Lacy Kendall Bedalia Valeds-Bovin

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Council Member Ayala moved to approve the minutes as written, motion second and all were in favor.

Reports

Detective Frank Root – Sheriff's Department

Det. Root presented updated crime statistics for the unincorporated areas of North Rialto/El Rancho Verde.

Crime Stats

December

1 grand theft auto
1 assault w/ deadly weapon
2 vehicle burglaries
3 vehicle thefts

January

4 grand theft auto
1 residential burglary
1 vehicle burglary

Det. Root reported that the most common crime in the area is vehicle related. He suggested that residents park cars in front of their home or in their driveway. Alarms and anti-theft devices are recommended to deter criminals.

Field Representative – Lisha Smith

- The El Rancho Verde MAC has been expanded from 5 members to 7. If anyone is interested please submit an application or contact Supervisor Gonzales' office at (909) 387-4565.
- Public Works is going to examine complaints regarding potholes at the intersection of Riverside Ave. and Country Club Dr. If you would like to report a pothole to County Public Works please contact them during normal business hours at (909) 387-8063.

Events:

On February 22nd at 5pm Carter High School will dedicate the new Public Library.

Supervisor Gonzales is co-hosting an Insurance Town Hall meeting with California Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi to discuss low cost auto insurance programs. The meeting is scheduled at 10 a.m. on February 24th at Villaseñor Library (525 N. Mt. Vernon Ave., San Bernardino).

Committee Report

Lacey Kendall – County Affairs Committee:

The City of Fontana is examining the realignment project in the area of the Riverside Ave and Sierra Ave. The city is going to install a water main along Riverside Ave. The city will

meet with the developers and other interested parties to examine the project report. The developer has not released information regarding the specifics of the project. Most likely it will be similar to the shopping center project on the northeast corner of Highland and Riverside Ave.

Chairman Bourland requested that a representative from SANBAG be invited to the next MAC meeting to discuss updates on the I-210.

Anyone interested in learning more about Megan's Law can contact MAC Chair Robb Bourland.

Riverside Ave. Median

San Bernardino County Special Districts – Jeff Rigney

As directed by Supervisor Gonzales and the MAC, County Special Districts has contracted with a landscape architect to generate concepts for the renovation of the Riverside Ave. Median. Mr. Rigney introduced the architect who presented the design concepts.

Tim Maloney, Community Work Design Group

Mr. Maloney presented 3 design concepts. He noted that one of the constraints he is facing is that power lines run immediately adjacent to the median that limits the height of trees.

In reference to the median along Country Club Dr., Mr. Maloney suggests not putting turf but shrubs. This will ensure that the olive trees remain healthy.

The overall costs of maintenance of both medians along Riverside Ave. and Country Club Dr. along with administrative fees for Special Districts is approximately \$50,000 per year. This translates into an approximate cost of \$80 per household, per year.

The passing of a Special Districts initiative begins with the circulation of a survey. The County will require residents to respond to questions that will allow Special Districts to evaluate the feasibility of a Special District vote.

If a vote is initiated then one of two possible voting schemes will be utilized. The first requires 51% of homeowners who vote for approval. The second requires 2/3 approval from registered voters within the Special District boundaries.

Chairman Bourland suggested that the community work together to market the survey and urge residents to respond favorably so the County will move forward with a ballot initiative.

Public Comment:

Action Items

Member Reports

Joe Ayala

Council Member Ayala reported that the golf course is in escrow.

Lacy Kendall

Council Member Kendall reported that Shamus Burlingame, of Burlingame Industries, is willing to contribute to the median project. Council Member Kendall will follow up and report back to the MAC.

The meeting was adjourned to the next meeting scheduled for March 14, 2006.

Submitted by: Dan Flores – El Rancho Verde MAC Secretary (909) 387-4565